

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

- He visited Jordan Industries in Monticello on Monday and discussed possible future uses of the old Schnadig Building. He also received some marketing ideas.
- There will be a meeting of the drainage board on the Fraley/Wilker drainage issue on June 4th at 1:30. At this meeting a hearing date will be set.
- One of the first in a series of a "Lunch & Learn Program" will be presented by Gary Munchell on May 30th.
- There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the future use of the old Park Restaurant on June 6 at 6:00 p.m. at 270 West 15th Council Chambers.
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority/Rushville Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program – Part one of our application has been reviewed and we have been authorized to submit the next part. We currently have 8 applicants and need 13. The applicants must be at least 55 years of age or older, single family owner occupied, must be on permanent foundation, contract sales are not eligible, and homes must be insured.
- There is a grant called Household Water Well System Grant for households in rural areas wanting wells.
- The grant for the façade program will be turned in on June 8th.
- "Hometown Pride" 42 lions have been purchased.
- 26 flower pots have been placed in the downtown area.
- There will be a press release on the brick program for Main Street and Riverside Park.
- The Veterans Administration is sponsoring, via contributions, flags to be placed along Main Street. The flag mounts are up and the flags are ready.
- We had a meeting on the unsafe and abandoned structures and we are now in an approximate 90 day waiting period due to the legal procedures that must be taken.
- Passed out a complaint form to be used and turned in to City Hall when someone has a complaint they would like the City to investigate.
- Will be in discussion with the County in regard to a possible consolidation of the City and County animal control.

- This Saturday is “Community Day” at Riverside Park from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

Copley reported that we received \$454.40 from the items we placed in the school auction.

She also asked Council if they would like to have the copy of the claim docket e-mailed to them so they wouldn’t have to come pick it up. Council agreed this would work for them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Bridges said he attended a HPG network conference, upon request of the Mayor. This is a High Performance Government Network that covers the entire state. He said he was very impressed with the network capabilities. Several attending were in line with our City as far as population. He said there were several planning people and one of the areas they brought to the table was to encourage getting a wind energy plan in place.

Bridges said he also attended a Regional Planning Committee meeting in Indianapolis. He said this was a strategic “doing” plan through Purdue.

Bridges said he received a letter today awarding the Park Department \$356.64 to repair the restroom doors at South Memorial Park. As Council President he needs to sign off on the award. Sheehan made a motion for Bridges to sign off on the award for the repair to the restroom doors. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Smith said it is still in re-write.

Trash Sub Committee – Not ready.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Animal – The Eagle Riders will be sponsoring a benefit for the Animal Shelter on June 2 beginning at noon.

Police – Chief Tucker said they began training with the Park Patrol on Sunday. They will complete 10 hours of training. He said they have 7 volunteers now, but would like to have 10.

Park – Park Director Mathews thanked Bridges for pursuing the grant for the repair to the restroom doors.

The pool is scheduled to open May 30th. They will be having a pool clean-up day this Saturday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yard Sale Policy – Pavey said Fire Chief Jenkins has done some research on the matter. Berkemeier said he received a copy of the policy from Bill Todd and passed it on to the new Assistant APC Director. He has also looked on line for policies from other communities and is putting together a spreadsheet.

Dedication of Blue Ribbon Estates – Pavey has contacted John Owen to begin the procedures for the street dedication.

NEW BUSINESS

APC Assistant Director – Councilman Berkemeier introduced the new Assistant APC Director, Kate Singleton. Berkemeier said Singleton would be a great asset to the community.

Trane Statement of Benefits – Greg Harcourt came before Council to ask approval of Trane's Statement of Benefits. Trane presented 1 CF1 for real estate and 3 for personal property. The real estate is in year 3 of 10, and the personal property abatements are in years 3, 4, and 6 each of 10. Bridges made a motion to approve all 4 CF1's for Trane. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTAT Statement of Benefits – David Reid asked Council to consider approval of the personal property CF1 for INTAT. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1 for INTAT. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Peddler's Ordinance – Pavey asked Council to be thinking about an ordinance for businesses, which would require the peddler to register at City Hall.

EMS Presentation – Mayor Pavey gave an informational presentation to Council for a combined fire and EMS Department. The same presentation has been given to the County Council and will soon be given to the Rush County Commissioners. Pavey stated that they are hoping to have a business plan ready in a couple of weeks.

Claims – Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selke Retirement – Mayor Pavey congratulated Mike Selke, WIFE Reporter, on his retirement, and thanked him for his years of coverage for the City. Selke said he would also like to thank Mayor Pavey, and previous Mayors Bridges and Bostic. Selke said it has been a pleasure working with each City administration.

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There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER